Post-war Reconstruction.

199. ✻ MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have evolved a scheme of Post-War Reconstruction within the State; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government intend to take steps immediately to frame a scheme?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Visarada Examination.

200. ✻MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the position and status given to the holders of the Visarada Certificate in the matter of recruitment to the public service, and the appointment for which such persons are declared eligible under the Public Service Recruitment Rules;

(*b*) the number of persons who have passed the Visarada Examination during the last two years and the number of such persons who have passed with distinction; and

(*c*) the number of such persons who have been recruited to the Public Service and the nature of the appointments given to them?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) Holders of the Sahitya Visarda Certificates are declared qualified for appointment as Malayalam Pandits in the scale of Rs. 25—45 in English Schools and as Pandits in the scale of Rs. 22—28 in Malayalam Schools.

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(*b*) Total Number passed	...	164	150
First class	...	1	nil.
Second class	...	16	8

(*c*) Nil.

Rise in the price of food stuffs.

201. ✻MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken into consideration the sharp rise in the price of food stuffs in the allotment for diet in Parur Hospital in the year 1119?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*): Yes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether the additional allotment was in proportion to the price of the foodstuffs?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: An additional allotment has been made.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: My question was whether the additional allotment was in direct proportion to the increase in price.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: On account of the high price of food stuffs, additional allotment has been made to meet the dieting charges in the hospitals.

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